

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

### Regarding Amendments

In the specification, the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" section has been updated. These changes are of a clerical nature and do not add "new matter".

Claims 1 and 30-57 are now pending.

Claims 2-29 have been cancelled.

No claims stand allowed.

New claims 30-57 have been added by this Amendment and also particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter regarded as the invention. These claims are believed to be allowable and their allowance is respectfully solicited.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.


### Request for Allowance

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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